

2. Redesignation Package Components

The Redesignation Request for eight Wisconsin counties includes several components required to show that the ozone air quality improvement is real, based on permanent rather than transitory effects and will be maintained into the future. For these areas, the attainment showings have to meet a somewhat higher hurdle due to the standing “severe” classification for 6 of the counties and due to the regional, multi-state nature of the Lake Michigan ozone circumstance.

Required elements include:

- a showing of attainment for the 8 counties (3 designated areas) based on 1999-2001 ozone monitoring data
- a showing that all required components of the SIP for ozone required under the CAA-90 have been developed, approved and implemented and that the 2007 attainment demonstration plan remains enforceable
- a showing that Wisconsin’s aggregate Ambient Air Quality Plan has met all Clean Air Act requirements
- a showing of real, permanent and enforceable emission reductions related to ozone control as the basis of the air quality improvement between 1990 and the attainment period
- a Plan that shows how air quality attainment will be maintained into the future
- a commitment to a regionally consistent process to address any contingent emissions control need that might arise due to regional growth or lost regional control program effectiveness that might arise in the next ten years
- a list of discrete potential emission control programs which might be implemented by the state, or at least evaluated for implementation as part of the regional contingent response commitment
- revised transportation conformity budgets for the 3 areas redesignating to attainment (the 6 county Milwaukee NAA, Manitowoc and Door Counties) covering the years 2007 and 2012
- revised conformity budgets for 2 existing maintenance areas (Sheboygan and Kewaunee Counties) for 2007 and 2012.

As with all SIP revisions, a proposed plan will receive noticed public hearing prior to formal submittal and the hearing record will be part of the package. Once fully approved, these plan components will update the standing Ozone SIP for Wisconsin. With a formal state notice (60 days after federal approval), the Severe ozone nonattainment area, including the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Waukesha and Washington; the moderate Manitowoc County area; and the marginal Door County area will become Maintenance areas for the one hour ozone standard and will be reclassified as attainment by both Wisconsin and the federal government.

After US-EPA review for adequacy, the submittal will set new transportation conformity budgets for 5 discrete areas within a 10 county aggregate maintenance area. The revision updates the maintenance plans and the transportation conformity budgets in the Sheboygan County and Kewaunee County SIPs.